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FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES RULES AND REGULATIONS ON CENTER FIRE HAZARDS

Acting Fire Protection Officer Harley Woodhouse this week issued the following rules to residents of Manzanar in case of a fire:

1. Make sure you know where the nearest fire alarm box is located.

2. In cases of fire, turn in the alarm yourself or send someone to do it for you.

3. When you pick up the receiver, say "I wish to report a fire" giving as close a location of the fire as you can. This will aid the Fire Department in setting up their equipment.

4. Do not try to put the fire out yourself because that will delay the Fire Department in getting to the scene of fire in case they are needed.

5. Don't get excited.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCES CHANGES OF MEMBERS

Two changes of members of the Block Managers Assembly were announced last week at the meeting at Town Hall.

REPLACEMENT

Katsuo Ishii is replacing Ichiro Arasaki, who left for Salt Lake City on a short term leave, as block manager of block 12 and Pete Mitsui is replacing Frank Yasuda, who relocated to Los Angeles, as executive secretary of the Block Managers Assembly.

MANZANAR RED CROSS UNIT COMMENCES ANNUAL DRIVE

Manzanar's participation in the nation-wide American Red Cross campaign began this week under the sponsorship of the Manzanar Red Cross Unit Headquarters, Joe S. Shikami, chairman of the board of directors stated. The first contribution for this drive was received from the Interstate Telegraph Co. of Riverside, Calif. and totaled \$25.

PROJECT ATTORNEY GETS FACTS ON ALIEN PERMITS

Aliens in the West Coast may travel to and from public offices, schools, churches, homes and businesses without securing permits from the Department of Justice even though such routes may be outside the city limits, Project Attorney Alan G. Campbell was informed in a letter from the United States Attorney's office in Los Angeles.

In instances where other frequent trips are necessary between communities which are outside the city limits, a blanket permit can be secured, allowing travel daily or at intervals without the necessity of getting separate permits for each trip.

No permits are necessary when aliens travel within a metropolitan area. The metropolitan area of Los Angeles includes San Fernando Valley to the north, and all of the coastal towns on the west, southwest, and south, down to (Continued on Page Two)

DISSOLVES NISEI OUTFIT

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—The 171st Infantry Battalion, Separate, a training unit of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, was officially disbanded recently after six months of activity, the 171st Battalion News revealed.

Goal set for the drive this year for the center is \$2,000. Funds for the drive from the evacuee residents will be solicited on a house-to-house basis.

Solicitors will be M. Ishikawa, Y. Karamatsu, S. Hiyoshi, U. Kubota, T. Ikeda, T. Ozaki, S. Yoshimoto, Y. Nakamura, R. Tsuchiya, K. Ishii, J. Maruyama, K. Akiyama, O. Maruyama, I. Hirano, M. Fujimoto, R. Kato, H. Kikuchi, S. Abe, M. Minami, J. Hashimoto, K. Inoue, E. Masuyama, H. Matsumoto, K. Ohono, G. Nakamura, S. Chunan, F. Hirabayashi, K. Kurahashi, F. Okazaki, T. Yonai, F. Yometsu, S. Nishimura, and T. Kitahara.

Funds from the Appointed Personnel staff will be collected as follows:

Oliver Sisker, Public Works, Free Press; Cecil Pritchett, Welfare; Clyde Simpson, Relocation, Records; Rod Bruttig, Personnel, Community Activities, Property Control; Dale Campbell, Hospital, Childrens Village; Marion Potts, Secondary School; Carrie Knipp, Grammar School; Avis Hutchison, Administration Building; Ted Born, Internal Security; Frank Crilly, Motor Pool; and H. R. McConnell, Agriculture.

Some services rendered by the Red Cross include that of locating persons (Continued on Page Two.)

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THREE YEARS OLD

Three years ago today, the Owens Valley Reception Center, now known as the Manzanar Relocation Center, came into existence with the arrival of 150 persons of Japanese ancestry who voluntarily evacuated themselves from the West Coast. This was the first of the ten reception centers to be formed and was organized under the Wartime Civil Control Administration (the WCCA) of San Francisco as a part of the Western Defense Command agency under the command of Col. Karl A. Bondetson.

Feelings against persons of Japanese ancestry were high throughout the nation and particularly along the West Coast.

Hatred campaigns were noted throughout the West Coast and evacuees themselves were uneasy.

Gradually, however, under the supervision of the War Relocation Authority which took over the control of the center on June 1, 1942, public relations campaigns were begun.

Today, three years, since the memorable day, over 37,000 persons of Japanese ancestry have been accepted on the outside and given equal rights. Chicago is reported to have received the most evacuees with a little over 7900.

Public sentiment along the West Coast is reported "more favorable than ever" and with the lifting of bar on persons of Japanese ancestry, approximately 180 evacuees have been accepted in California 869 in Washington, 446 in Oregon, 1429 in Idaho and 150 in Nevada.

With the end of the War Relocation Centers coming to an end this year, now is the time to adjust oneself to the conditions on the outside. Never before have opportunities for employment and reception been so favorable.

BOVENKERK ESTABLISHED IN ZEELAND, MICHIGAN

The Reverend and Mrs. Henry G. Bovenkork and family have established themselves in Zeeland, Mich., and the Rev. Bovenkork is "seriously considering" on accepting an invitation to become the assistant pastor in the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, the Inyo Independent reveals.

The Reverend Bovenkork was a pastor of the Manzanar Protestant Church prior to his departure for Michigan in January.

GET DOMESTIC OFFERS FROM ORANGE COUNTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

Major Prantiss Moore, Personal Affairs Officer of the Western Flying Training Command of Santa Ana, Calif., requests names and applications of all evacuees interested in obtaining domestic employment in homes of military personnel, Relocation Program Officer Walter A. Heath disclosed this week.

Offer is for Orange County only, which includes such cities as Santa Ana, Fullerton and Anaheim.

--RED CROSS DRIVE

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of Japanese ancestry to ascertain if they reside in Manzanar or at some other centers; preparing social histories of servicemen, requested by the military to help a soldier adjust himself to army life; requests moving of servicemen confined to a hospital to a veteran's hospital closer to the family residence so that they can visit him more easily; write letters to veteran's administration regarding disability claims and pensions for medically discharged soldiers; and through many other deeds.

Members of the Manzanar Red Cross Board are:

Chairman S. J. Shikami; Vice-chairman C. Nakano; Co-treasurers S. Takayasu and S. Suginoto; Secretary K. Shindo; Co-auditors Y. Nakamura and K. Arai; Advisors Mrs. M. D'Ille, Miss J. Hawes, Miss I. Gavigan, Miss L. Smith, Miss M. Whitaker, Miss M. Williamson, C. Frichott and K. Anzai; Board members S. Suginoto, T. Iuro, T. Masuyama, Y. Murenatsu, T. Kubota, K. Arai; Manager Mrs. D. Cowart; Jr. Red Cross Lower Division Head Miss M. Whitaker; Jr. Red Cross Upper Division Head Miss M. Williamson; Nutrition-Canteen Institution Head Miss L. Smith; First Aid Water Safety Members T. Higashi, C. Frichott, R. Tsuchiya, C. Manyama, M. Minami, K. Kitahara, T. Yenni, H. Matsunoto, K. Nakamura, U. Kubota, T. Kubota, and S. Hiyo-shi.

GOAL

Goal for the Manzanar Jr. Red Cross, of which all school students are members, has been set as \$150.00.

Last year, through the direction of Miss Toshiko Nakamura, the Jr. Red Cross netted \$98.90. Of this money, \$55.00 was sent to the National Children's Fund to buy medical supplies for the stricken children of Yugoslavia, Belgium and Greece. Another \$23 was sent to the San Francisco Red Cross Headquarters as enrollment fees.

The local drive will end on April 15.

SON OF CENTER RESIDENT WITH 100TH BATTALION

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE -- Sgt. Robert Kiyoshi Nakasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fujito Nakasaki, 18-6-2, Manzanar, is a member of the 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry Regiment which is writing another thrilling chapter in its already massive book of courageous action, the War Department revealed.

In a sector of the formidable barrier that separates France from Italy--250 miles of jagged mountain ridges and snow-capped peaks--this battalion is engaged in hazardous mountain warfare.

The 100th gained a reputation as "the fightingest outfit" in Italy. In one of the most sensational actions of the Italian campaign, the battalion was ordered to wipe out a strongly-defended German bastion, a small town north of Rome. In short time, it took the town, cut the main German escape highway at three points, destroyed the enemy's right flank, and forced a withdrawal over six strategic miles. Germans killed, wounded and captured totalled over 270. For this action, and consistently outstanding combat operation in Italy, the battalion was awarded a War Department Distinguished Unit Citation.

OREGON SOLDIERS RESENT HOOD RIVER LEGION ACT

PORTLAND, Ore. -- Servicemen from Oregon who are now fighting in the Pacific fighting fronts, resent homefront slurs against Japanese Americans, United Press War Correspondent Richard W. Johnston said this week upon his return from the Pacific theatre of war, the Daily News reports.

Wearing the service ribbons denoting his marine citation for his work in the Pacific, Johnston said, "I can tell you one thing. The boys out there from Oregon used to be proud to mention their state until

JAPANESE PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION OF USO BIRTHDAY AT SEABROOK

BRIDGETON, N.J.--A packed crowd witnessed a variety program staged by resettled evacuees at Seabrook farms in New Jersey in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the USO here, the Seabrooker, a newspaper published by Seabrook Farms workers revealed.

Outstanding were the five-year-old twins, Paulino and Ireno Nagao, "who brought the house down" with their recitation of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

The twins are both from the Manzanar, Calif. Relocation Center.

Bill Wakatsuki, also from the Manzanar Relocation Center, sang "Old Man River" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Also included in the program were "Will You Remember?" a duet by Bill Wakatsuki and Misa Izumi; classical solos by an Isaci, Jishiro Miyauchi and piano solos by Haruko Yoshimoto.

In charge of the affair were Marie Howell and Mrs. Annice D. Locke, USO directors at the Federal Housing project at Seabrook.

125 TULE RESIDENTS MOVE IN FOURTH TRANSFER

TULE LAKE, Calif.--The fourth transfer of Japanese aliens and admittedly disloyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry, totaling 125, took place recently from the Tule Lake, Calif., Segregation Center.

This brought the total of 1016 segregation transfers from Tule Lake to Department of Justice camps since December 27.

this Hood River business came up.

"I would like to report that they deeply resent the Hood River acts. I've seen many Nisei soldiers in action. They do a good job and are very popular."

The war correspondent covered war fronts on Baker Island, Tarawa, the Marshalls, Saipan, Tinian, Polioiu and the Philippine invasion.

TELL OF OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Southern California relocation opportunities are arriving at the Relocation Office, according to Relocation Program Officer Walter A. Heath.

He said that a nursery in the Los Angeles area is offered for lease or sale.

Several farms have been offered for lease and one of these is suitable for a number of families who desire to raise berries, bell peppers, winter peas, green beans and tomatoes.

One offer was received for a farm couple who desire wages and a share in the net profit and wish to live in a secluded community.

Interested residents should contact the Relocation Office, Building 1-4.

NEW PAMPHLET TO AID RESETTLERS DISTRIBUTED

A new Japanese-language booklet entitled, "Security for Resettlers," which describes a number of typical examples of aid to evacuees under the Resettlement Assistance Program of the Social Security Board, is now being distributed by the Middle Atlantic Area Relocation Office, Relocation Program Officer Walter A. Heath revealed. He said that copies of this booklet will also be available in English.

Based on the experiences of resettlers in the Middle Atlantic Area, the examples show how this special Federal fund, which is administered by public agencies in each state, can be used to aid Issei and Nisei relocating in all parts of the country who may need assistance. The booklet points out that the grants provided are available not only in cases of emergency, illness or financial need, but for almost any necessary expense.

Since this booklet was written, other resettlers in the Middle Atlantic Area have been similarly aided in re-establishing themselves.

TRANSLATION
Japanese Section, the Manzanar Free Press
March 21, 1945

Ralph P. Merrill

1. Title of Newspaper
Manzanar Free Press, Vol. 6, No. 73, 1-1-2
2. Enemy of Voices
From San Francisco Chronicle, March 12, 1945, page 1, col. 4
3. German and Japanese (by Chester Rowell)
From San Francisco Chronicle, March 13, 1945, Editorial Page, Page 10, Col. 5, 6, 7
4. From Manzanar Co-op
Newspaper delivery boy Yamashita has been replaced by Ishino on account of induction of former into army. Please return the empty soda bottles.
5. California Job Offers - From Relocation Office
Assemblers in manufacturing plants, Book binders, Cargo Checkers, Bookkeepers, Clerical workers, Cooks, Drill press operators, Foundry workers, Machinists, Order clerks, Rolling mill helpers, Production workman, Steel fabrication workers, Billing machine operators, Bookkeeping machine operators, Typists, File Clerks, Secretaries, Stenographers, Domestic workers.
6. From Manzanar Co-op
Delegates please attend the meeting.
7. Induction Appreciation
George Yamashita and family
8. From Gift Shop (G.A.C.A.)
Gift shop is operated by G.A.C.A. instead of by the Manzanar Co-op since last December. Easter sale of gifts will be held at 16-18.
9. Relocation Appreciation
Manjiro Katsuki
10. Relocation Appreciation
Gisuki Sakamoto and Fusa, returned to Southern California

11. Wanted to Buy: Garden Tools, contact Ikebuchi 20-10-4
Wanted to Buy: Gasoline Power Mower, contact Sakihara
36-6-5
12. Bovenkerke Established in Zeeland, Michigan
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